

## Need for Some Step To Be Taken to Make Corporations Share Burdens With Small Home Owner.

## INTERESTS HAVE ALL BEST OF ASSESSMENT

### Mean Further Burden on Small Man.

By giving the railroad commission absolute control of public utilities, has precipitated a serious question in the minds of the people. That question is: "If the utilities have been able to escape a equitable assessment by the railroad commission and have paid nothing Bk

their just proportion of the taxes, because of favoritism, will they not far more equally well and receive the same preferential consideration when the task for higher rates at the hands of the utilities commission, which is the old railroad commission by another name?

not own a home to buy one. There are, of course, sentimental reasons why every man should desire to own his home; there are reasons of convenience and of location and many others that might be advanced by the veriest amateur in the real estate business. And we are familiar with all of these arguments and most people have been up against

But the real, vital and unavoidable issue that the man on a moderate wage must meet is that even if he can pay a little something down on a machine and can meet the payments "like rent," as alluring as the proposition

The man who owns his little house and the man who owns the big one are about alike. There is not much discrimination in the matter of assessment, except the one in favor of the poor.

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that there will be an increase in the tax rate. It also has been suggested that the tax rate will be kept at the present high-water mark and the assessed valuation of property increased. Of the two evils it would be much better to raise the city tax rate. If the

present rate and assessment do not yield sufficient revenue to meet the

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## BAD CERMS SLOWLY

## GET OUT OF WATER

Still Boil in Contaminate  
Area—No Typhoid—Sick-  
ness Increases.

Boil all drinking water from mains west of Bellevue boulevard and north of Calhoun avenue.

The continued improvement in the water supply Monday probably means that it will not be necessary to boil water for drinking purposes after Tuesday or Wednesday, Dr. Andrews said Monday. However, he advises consumers to continue to boil the drinking

The reason it has taken so long to clear the water mains, according to the statements of water company officials, is the fact that sediment settles in the bottom of the mains and at dead ends, making it difficult to flush out the bac-

The situation Monday, however, shows a large decrease in bacteria colonies, the largest number being 280 in the cubic centimeter, at Chelsea avenue and Thomas street, near the place where the broken sewer pipe got into the street.

supply nearly a week ago. The next highest count was taken from a sample procured at Poplar avenue and Lauderdale street. Jackson avenue and Highland street shows a count of 180; Bickford and Second, 170; Monroe and Second, 150; Jackson and Douglas, 144; E. 35th and Second, 130.

The health department advises the boiling of drinking water in the area bounded on the north by the city limits on the east by Bellevue boulevard, on the west by the river, and on the south by Calhoun avenue.

The health department is hauling drinking water to all the city and private schools until the supply is pure. Few reports of illness are reaching the health department as there is no ordinance requiring physicians to report cases of stomach and ordinary bow-

trouble. So far there is no indication of typhoid fever, because there was none of it in the city to supply the germs to the water, but complaints of stomach and bowel trouble are increasing daily, both from those who live in the contaminated area and those who

The health department advises as a precaution for all persons having drunk the contaminated water to take a purgative, the best being a large dose of castor oil. This may be followed by a emetic if the effect of the oil be

In some cases there is a scarcity of bottles in which firms furnish local distilled water or shipped-in pure water. But some firms still have on hand ample supplies, both of the bottles and water, together with the conven-

stands from which the water is served.